Vara Minutes for February 6, 2024

The February meeting of the Valley Amateur Radio Association was held at Armstrong’s

Restaurant in Verona at 7 pm. It was brought to order my President Norm Dallura KN4YFI.

The usual round of introductions was completed.

The treasurer’s report was given by John Chevalaz KB2LOZ. Report was approved. He thanked

those members who paid their dues. We have 81 paid members. He thanked John Lasher N3GLZ and Daniel Linkins K4NRP for auditing the books. John announced the hamfest at Elkton

Feb. 17th.

Secretary’s report: Patrick Morgan AK4VQ, secretary could not be at the meeting, so Norm asked that the minutes be approved as sent out in an email. Approved. David Tanks AD4TJ is taking the minutes for him in his absence.

ARES report: David Tanks AD4TJ, EC for Augusta County, first made a comment on QST, the ARRL’s magazine, and noted that they have discontinued making the printed version a part of your yearly dues. Now it is $25 extra if you want the magazine each month. The next Augusta County net will be February 8th at 8 pm on the 146.850 repeater. Gordon Beaty WA4FJC volunteered to be Net Control. David noted that we have 4 months before hurricane season starts. He was thankful that we did not have any bad weather here. Scott Newlen KI4QQZ noted that in Mississippi a tornado in March or May of last year wiped out 70% of power to the town. He is volunteering in an organization called God’s Pit Crew out of Danville VA, that helps rebuild homes that have been destroyed in natural disasters.

Contests/Special Events: again, David noted that the CQ WPX RTTY contest starts Friday night at 7 pm. Next week is the ARRL School Club Roundup. The 16th is the start of the ARRL Inter-

national DX CW contest and the 17th is the Russian PSK contest. On the 23rd is the CQ 160 SSB contest, and the 24th is the NAQP RTTY contest. Special Event: 18th-19th is K4US commemor--ating George Washington’s birthday.

New Business: Norm mentioned that Milan (call unknown) of the MARA club has a 3-page list of Contests, Hamfests, Special Events, DXpeditions,etc.

Field Day Committee: will meet tomorrow night, the 7th, at 6 pm. Things are coming together nicely.

Christmas Party: Ray La Falce K2ULW asked the club if they wanted to go back to the Golden Corral or elsewhere. After a brief discussion it was decided we would stick with Golden Corral.

Annual Club Picnic: consider the Waynesboro Campground. Norm will take a look at it and get back with us. Also Grand Caverns is an option to look at.

No 50/50 as Patrick has the tickets.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 pm.

Now Tim Miller KG4HOT presented a program on the 220 MHz Network and the happenings on Elliot Knob

Submitted by David Tanks for Patrick Morgan